

HOUSE RESOLUTION 390
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charlene Norris on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Norris is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Norris has served as an educator for 36 years; during her illustrious career, she has positively influenced many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Norris has served with distinction as the Principal at Northfield Elementary School in the Murfreesboro School System for the past twelve years; and

WHEREAS, she began her professional career in 1966, by teaching young people at Two Rivers High School in Donelson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after her tenure at Two Rivers High School, Ms. Norris accepted a position with the Murfreesboro City School System, teaching sixth grade at Bellwood Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Ms. Norris transferred to Northfield Elementary School, where she was chosen to serve as Assistant Principal under Principal Mark Edwards; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, she accepted her current position as Principal of Northfield Elementary; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Norris is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Norris truly serves as an inspiration to her faculty and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; she represents all that is good and noble in education; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Ms. Norris has served in numerous civic organizations, including meritorious service as the President of the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, after taking her much deserved retirement, Ms. Norris plans to spend more time reading, walking, traveling to the mountains, and spending time with her family; and

WHEREAS, a native of Murfreesboro, Ms. Norris received her education from the Murfreesboro School System, the Rutherford County School System, and Middle Tennessee State University; in addition to earning three degrees from MTSU, Ms. Norris taught for ten years in the MTSU summer aerospace program; and

WHEREAS, Charlene Norris truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized on the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Charlene Norris for her exceptional service to the children of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.